

April 13, 2018

The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings
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Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Elizabeth Warren
317 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

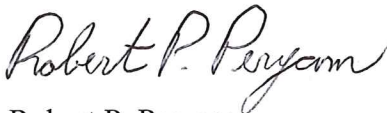
Dear Congressman Cummings and Senator Warren:

As president of the National HIDTA Directors Association (NHDA), I am writing to register my support for The Comprehensive Addiction Resources Emergency Act of 2018. The United States is facing an opioid epidemic that continues to escalate, claiming an alarming number of lives each day in communities throughout the nation. It is our belief that the continued pursuit of multi-disciplinary, holistic strategies that synergize the efforts of law enforcement, public health, prevention, and treatment professionals offers the best way forward to reduce opioid related fatalities, and the greatest hope for individuals and families suffering from substance use disorder.

As states and localities continue to face the challenges presented by this nation's opioid epidemic, The Comprehensive Addiction Resources Emergency Act of 2018 provides funding to support the critically important services needed by individuals and families suffering from substance use disorder. The Act offer thoughtful remedies to the numerous and complicated issues associated with substance use disorder. The funding provided through this legislation empowers communities to strategize and plan how to best address their own individual needs.

The Comprehensive Addiction Resources Emergency Act of 2018 offers an opportunity for communities to provide services that will save lives, provide a path to recovery for those suffering from substance use disorder, and reduce the suffering experienced by so many.

Sincerely,



Robert P. Peryam
President